

UCSD Hub

The City and UCSD signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to work together on initiatives around the 24th St. Trolley Station. This is exciting news that was reported by the Union Tribune. With the trolley connecting to UCSD next year this is an opportunity for the City to build a partnership that promotes jobs, education, and quality of life issues in National City.



Wellness and Workplace Safety

We continue to work on programs and projects that support our employees. I am working with Team HR to roll out programs that provide professional development and wellness. With the outbreak of the corona virus it is a good reminder that we need to be aware of hygiene and healthy habits. Check out these <u>best practices</u> on prevention and treatment.

Evaluations

Feedback and good communication between employees and supervisors is critical to a productive workforce. Managers and executives will be leading by example by completing all of our annual evaluations this March. I encourage all employees to seek feedback on performance goals so that we can move the city forward and keep our commitment to the community. HR will send a separate email to Executives and Managers with additional information.

Las Palmas Pool

Las Palmas Pool is closed for maintenance until further notice. Unexpectedly, the electrical transformer malfunctioned leaving Las Palmas Pool with no power. The Engineering and Community Service Departments are working on a temporary solution to provide youth swim lessons and adult/senior water aerobics in the activity pool. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we try to get Las Palmas Pool fully operational. We will post updates as we receive them. If you have questions please contact the Community Services Department at (619) 336-4290 or communityservices@nationalcityca.gov.

Electric Fleet

In 2019, SDG&E installed eight Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at City Hall and four charging stations at the Public Works yard through their Power Your Drive Program, at no cost to the City. The EV charging stations are for use by City employees for personal vehicles and City fleet vehicles. As part of the City's Fleet Management Program, City Council authorized the purchase of eight electric and/or hybrid electric vehicles to replace older gas vehicles. This action allows the City to take full advantage of the new EV charging stations, reduce the City's carbon footprint, and save on fuel and maintenance costs. Three hybrid electric vehicles have just arrived and will be put into service soon. The remaining five vehicles will be ordered and arrive later this year. Information for City employees on the benefits of "going electric" and how to set up an account with SDG&E to start using the EV charging stations is available on the City's Intranet.

- Brad